



March 2025

# The Methodist Messenger

## Juniata Charge

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!  
Energizing Aldersgate to connect Christ and the Community  
by engaging, educating, empowering, and encouraging.*

### Sunday Services

**Sunday School— 9 a.m.— Aldersgate**

### Worship service—

**Grace— 8:45 a.m.**

**AUMC & livestreamed on Zoom—**

**9:45 a.m.**

**Trinity— 10:45 a.m.**

### Office Hours

Pastor Mindy Petrovic

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**AUMC:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue., Wed.

**Trinity:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday

### Secretary—

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**Linda Groninger— Trinity**

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10 a.m.-? - Thur.

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### AUMC Address:

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Mifflintown, PA 17059

### Trinity Address:

304 Juniata St.

Mifflin, PA 17058

### Grace Address:

6607 William Penn Hwy.

Mexico, PA 17076

## From My Heart To All Of Yours

As March arrives, we stand at the threshold of changing seasons. Winter still lingers, yet signs of spring quietly emerge as the days grow longer, the earth softens, and the first hints of new life appear. It's a time of transition, not just in nature but in our spiritual walk as well. As Ecclesiastes reminds us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

With the arrival of Lent, we enter a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Just as the earth prepares for spring's rebirth, so too are our hearts invited to prepare for the joy of Easter. Lent is a time to pause, to realign ourselves with God's purposes, and to let go of the burdens that weigh us down.

On a recent walk through the woods I noticed a tree still holding onto its brittle, brown leaves from fall. The wind tugged at them, but they clung stubbornly to the branches. I know that in time, new buds will form, and those old leaves will fall away, making room for fresh growth. Isn't that how it is with our souls? There are things we hold onto like grudges, fears, and distractions that keep us from fully embracing the newness God desires for us. Lent is our opportunity to loosen our grip, to let God's Spirit work within us, making room for grace, healing, and transformation.

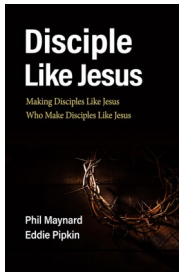
As we journey through this sacred season together, may we take time to pray, to fast from that which hinders us, and to serve others with renewed hearts. The road to the cross is not an easy one, but it's a path that leads to love, mercy, and ultimate redemption. May this season draw us ever closer to Christ, who walks with us in every season of life.

"May our magnificent Lord bless you and keep you, shine His marvelous face upon you, and be gracious to you; may He turn His face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

Eagerly anticipating the spiritual changes that are yet to come,

Pastor Mindy

## Aldersgate UMC



“Disciple Like Jesus”  
study is held on Saturday  
mornings at 8:30 a.m.



Aldersgate UMC follows Juniata County School District delays & closures during the week. Worship service will be held on Sundays unless there is an ice event.

\*In the event of inclement weather during the winter months, meetings will be held on Zoom.



May God bless you on your special day and in the years to come.

- 1– Dawson Harper
- 3– Nancy Zimmerman
- 9– Rachel Whistler
- 12– Travis Holler
- 13– Sherry Harper
- 14– Pastor Mindy
- 18– Ashley Bennett
- 21– Chris Ernest
- 26– Sherry Burkholder
- 27– Courtney Beiler

### **Anniversary**

- 20– Pat & Karen Evans

## **ZOOM INFORMATION-**

To join Zoom Sunday worship, go to our website [aumcmifflintown.org/zoom](http://aumcmifflintown.org/zoom). You can also call toll free at 888-475-4499 Meeting ID 827 5363 0265

**OR**

Let us call you on the phone one Sunday or every week:

Call the church ahead of time at 717-436-6750 or email [aumcmifflintown@gmail.com](mailto:aumcmifflintown@gmail.com).

We are looking for someone to be a member at large for church council. If interested, please let the church office know or see Pastor Mindy.



An updated church directory has been placed on the back table.

**Changes are as follows:**

Rich Burkholder Email: [rgb1968@gmail.com](mailto:rgb1968@gmail.com)

Dennis Heimbaugh: 346 Palm Cove Way  
York, SC 29745

Roger & Teresa Nearhood: 118 N. 3rd St.  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Ken Saunders Email: [colsaunders71d@gmail.com](mailto:colsaunders71d@gmail.com)  
PH: 570-533-1320

Addition: Burns T. Ernest IV & Angie Walters  
125 Ginger Lane  
Mifflintown, PA 17059 PH: 717-953-2349

If any changes, please contact the church office.

There are blank envelopes on the back table if you need them for your offering.



## Trinity/Grace UMC

Lenten Tea-The Twin Boroughs Ladies Lenten Tea will be hosted by **Trinity on Wednesday, March 19th**. A time of fellowship and refreshments will begin at 9:30am, the lesson will follow at 10:00am All ladies are welcome to attend!

Easter Egg Hunt-**Trinity's** annual egg hunt will be held at the Mifflin Ballfield on **Saturday, April 19th at 10am**. All children ages nursery to 12yrs are welcome to attend. In case of bad weather, egg hunt will be held at the church, same date and time.

Donations of non perishable food items are needed for the Blessings Box at **Trinity**. Dry cereals, soups, and pastas, powdered milk and hot chocolate mix, canned fruits, veggies and soups plus kids friendly items like granola bars, single serve pastas, soups, and snacks can all be placed in the shopping cart in the Sunday school area at Trinity. (Please avoid donating anything in glass containers due to current weather conditions)

### **Trinity-**

Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the Sunday School Room outside the choir door.

Juniata Co. Foster & Adopt Mission- A collection of items for children placed in foster care in our county. They often only have the clothing they're wearing when placed. Collection box & suggestions are in mission's collection area.

Join us the last Sunday of each month beginning at 10:15 a.m. See Michelle Long if you would like to contribute anything!

### **Grace-**

Pill Bottle Ministry- Ongoing collection for Matthew 25 Ministries. Please note that there are specific preparation instructions we must follow before we can send them!

The deadline for the April Messenger is March 25th.



May God bless you on your special day and in the years to come.

3- Steve Bell

10- Tyler Rhine

15- Lincoln Hutchinson

28- Grayson Hutchinson

### **Anniversary**

15- Jeff & Barbie Brown



The rebirth of the Christmas tree!

Grace UMC collected children's hats, scarves, and mittens.





3/5 Ash Wed., St. Stephen's Lutheran, 7 p.m.  
 3/12 Wed., Aldersgate UMC, 7 p.m.  
 3/19 Wed., Messiah Lutheran, 7 p.m.  
 3/26 Wed., St. Stephen's Lutheran, 7 p.m.  
 4/2 Wed., Westminster Presbyterian, 7 p.m.  
 4/9 Wed., Messiah Lutheran, 7 p.m.



Ladies Lenten Teas will held at Port Royal UMC starting March 11,2025 and continuing every Tuesday morning finishing April 8, 2025. Time is 10:00 am-11:00am. Come for a time of music , devotions and refreshments. The theme is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

\*\*Ladies Lenten Tea will also be held at **Trinity** on March 19 at 9: 30 a.m. & on April 9 at **Aldersgate** at 9:30 a.m.



4/16 Holy Wed., Grace UMC (Mexico), 7 PM  
 4/17 Maundy Thur., Trinity UMC, 7 PM  
 4/18 Good Friday Messiah Lutheran, 7 PM  
 4/20 Sunrise Service St Stephen's Lutheran Church, time TBA with a breakfast following.  
 4/20 Easter Service's Times and places TBA



**2025 Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
**7 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building on 4th street**

**March 8**– Rev. Charles McKee– Mexico Full Gospel

**March 15**– Rev. William McNeal– Brown's Global Methodist

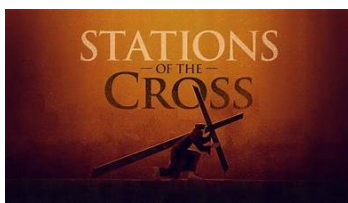
**March 22**– Rev. Chad Weaver– Lost Creek Mennonite Church

**March 29**– Rev. Caleb Burd– South Baptist Church

**April 5**- Rev. Nathanael Mowery– Oakland Mills Evangelical Methodist Church

**April 12**– Rev. Frank Swartz– New Beginning Com. Church

**April 19**– Rev. Ron Shupe– River Church



Held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church again this year:

Monday, April 14, 7:00 PM  
 Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 PM  
 Wednesday, April 16, 1:00 PM  
 Thursday, April 17, 10:00 am  
 Friday, April 18, 3:00 PM



Pastor Mindy's Sabbath Day of rest is on **Fridays**. She will still be available if there's an emergency.





# March 2025 – Aldersgate

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat  |
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| <p>When Pastor Mindy is out of the office, please feel free to call the parsonage at 717-436-2237 or 717-513-7194<br/>For Congregational Care needs, please call Pastor Mindy at 717-513-7194</p> |   |   |  |  |     |  |
| 2   | 3   | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7   | 8  |
| <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.<br/>Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m.<br/><b>Communion</b></p>   | <p>Mission Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>                                     | <p>Bible Study, 10 a.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom<br/><br/>Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p> | <p>Ash Wed. service, St. Stephen's Lutheran, 7 p.m.</p>  | <p>Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church</p>   |     | <p>-P.Royal Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m. at P.Royal Community Building<br/>-Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at AUMC<br/>-New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.<br/>-Winter Jam– Van leaving AUMC at 4</p> |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12   | 13   | 14  | 15   |
| <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.<br/>Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>  | <p>Kitchen Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>                                     | <p>Lenten Tea, 10 a.m. at Port Royal UMC</p>  | <p>Lenten service, AUMC, 7 p.m.</p>  | <p>Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church<br/><br/>Charge choir practice, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p> |     | <p>-Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Port Royal Community Building<br/><br/>-Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at the church</p>   |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21  | 22   |
| <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.<br/>Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>  | <p>Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</p>                          | <p>Lenten Tea, 10 a.m. at Port Royal UMC<br/><br/>Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church</p>            | <p>Ladies Lenten Tea, 9:30 a.m. at Trinity<br/><br/>Lenten service, Messiah Lutheran, 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church<br/><br/>Charge choir practice, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p> |     | <p>-Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Port Royal Community Building<br/><br/>-Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at the church</p>   |
| 23/30   | 24/31   | 25  | 26   | 27   | 28  | 29   |
| <p>Sunday school, 9 a.m.<br/>Worship service at AUMC &amp; Zoom, 9:45 a.m.</p>  | <p><b>24-Nurturing Congregational Care Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church &amp; on Zoom</b></p> | <p>Lenten Tea, 10 a.m. at Port Royal UMC<br/><br/>Last day for Newsletter submission</p>                  | <p>Lenten service, St. Stephen's Lutheran, 7 p.m.</p>  | <p>Bible Study, 5 p.m. at the church<br/><br/>Charge choir practice, 6:30 p.m. at AUMC</p> |     | <p>-Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Port Royal Community Building<br/><br/>-Discipleship class, 8:30 a.m. at the church</p>   |



# March 2025– Trinity/Grace

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| <p>2<br/>Worship service<br/>Grace, 8:45 a.m.<br/><br/>Trinity, 10:45a.m.<br/><br/><b>Communion</b></p>   | <p>3</p>     | <p>4<br/>Bible Study,<br/>10 a.m. at Aldersgate</p>  | <p>5<br/>Ash Wed. service,<br/>St. Stephen's Lutheran, 7 p.m.</p>  | <p>6</p>  | <p>7</p>  | <p>8<br/>P.Royal Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m. at P.Royal Community Building<br/><br/>-New Beginning's Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.<br/><br/>-Winter Jam– Van leaving AUMC at 4</p> |
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